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Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection. Specifically, the Patent Office has requested a Terminal Disclaimer in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,247,434 ('434 Patent). The Examiner has stated that a Terminal Disclaimer was necessary in order to overcome an obviousness-type double patenting situation in view of the '434 Patent. Upon submission of a Terminal Disclaimer the Examiner stated that the pending claims will be passed to allowance.

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The evidentiary documents have been reviewed and it is hereby certified that to the best of my knowledge and belief that title to the above-identified patent application is in Baxter International Inc.

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By: 

Robert M. Barrett,
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